MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Travancore Tozhilali Navika Sanghom have objected to it?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: They have not objected but they wanted to select themselves their candidates, and deposit security and things of that kind.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know, Sir, in what stage that protest is at present?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, if the honourable member means by protest, the points raised by the Navika Thozhilali Sanghom, a reply has been given.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what the nature of the reply is?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The nature of the reply is that in view of certain rules, the security could not be deposited by the Sanghom, but only by the agent because it has to be available for damages that may have to be realised from him for any carelessness or negligence on his part.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether Government have consented to appoint their own agents?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: What is the difficulty in allowing them to have the deposit money in their own names?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The Chief Controlling Officer is to select the men. If he approves of that, it will be done.

Kozhencherry Bridge.

110. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have created a separate Sub-Division in connection with the construction of the Kozhencherry Bridge;

(*b*) whether they have appointed a special Sub-Division Officer in connection with the construction of the Kozhencherry Bridge; and

(*c*) whether they have considered the desirability of putting this Officer in charge of the construction of the Kollakadavu, Kovilthodu and Nalkalikal bridges also?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question of putting this Officer in charge of the Nalkalikal and Kovilthodu bridges, is under consideration.

Employees in the State Transport Department.

111. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the posts of Clerks, Inspectors, conductors and drivers in the Transport Department are pensionable at present; and

(*b*) if not, whether Government have considered the question of making them so?

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